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SUBJ: CREATION OF DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AT IMF/IBRD ANNUAL MEETING

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1. ON OCT 17 EMBOFFS DISCUSSED WITH FONOFF (WATANABE, DIR, SECOND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DIV, ECONOMIC AFFIRS BUREAU, WHO ATTENDED IMF/IBRD WASHINGTON MEETING) RECENT CREATION OF DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. WATANABE MADE THE FOLLOWING QTE PERSONAL UNQTE OBSERVATIONS:

A. AT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING, LDC REPS WERE UNABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT AMONG THEMSELVES RE CANDIDATE FOR POSITION OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY; CONSEQUENTLY, USG CANDIDATE WAS ELECTED. IF SUCH QTE CONFUSION UNQTE AMONG LDC'S CONTINUES, FRUITFUL DISCUSSIONS IN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MAY BE DIFFICULT.

B. GOJ REPS DID NOT OBSERVE IN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE EMERGENCE OF DIFFERENT POSITIONS OR VIEWS BETWEEN LDC OIL PRODUCERS AND LDC NON-OIL PRODUCERS. QTE WE HOPE VERY
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MUCH UNQTE SUCH DIVERGENCE WILL DEVELOP IN FUTURE.

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C. WITH FONOFF, ECONOMIC COOPERATION BUREAU (WHICH IN CHARGE OF AID) WILL HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MATTERS, RATHER THAN ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU (WHICH RESPONSIBLE FOR IMF/IBRD). QUESTIONS OF I) FROM WHICH MINISTRY JAPAN'S MINISTERIAL REP TO COMMITTEE WILL COME, AND II) ALLOCATION OF SEVEN ASSOCIATES AMONG MINISTRIES, REMAIN TO BE DECIDED. REACHING INTERMINISTERIAL AGREEMENT ON THIS MATTER WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT.

2. MINISTRY OF FINANCE INT ORG DIR GYOHTEN TOLD ASST FINATT OCT 22 THAT MOF HAS NO SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS RE CREATION OF NEW COMMITTEE AND PREPARED TO UTILIZE IT FOR DISCUSSION OF RESOURCES TRANSFER PROBLEM. MATTER OF PRIMARY CONCERN TO MOF HAD BEEN WHETHER COMMITTEE WOULD BE ESTABLISHED WITHIN IMF/IBRD FRAMEWORK. WITH COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED UNDER IMF/IBRD AUSPICES MOF EXPECTS TO HAVE JURISDICTION SO THAT ONLY INFORMAL TALKS WITH OTHER MINISTRES CONCERNING COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES WILL BE NECESSARY.

3. COMMENT: OBVIOUSLY, GOJ'S INITIAL LACK OF ENTHUSIASM FOR CREATION OF COMMITTEE HAS GIVEN WAY, NOW THAT COMMITTEE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED, TO DESIRE OF BOTH FONOFF AND FINANCE TO ESTABLISH THEIR CONTROL. END COMMENT.
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